Myrtle Grove Dec. 31. 1835.—

My Dear Mr Tilghman

The sudden and unexpected summons which took me away from Centreville last Saturday afternoon in the midst of the rain, prevented me from seeing you as I wished, and of course deprived me of an opportunity of conversing with you upon several matters of importance to me. I would have returned to Centreville for the purpose of an interview, but indisposition confining me to the house on Sunday and Monday, I thought it more expedient to hasten home before I should be more severely attacked of which during those two days I had quite serious and threatening symptoms.

When we conversed together some time ago upon the subject of my removal from your house, you may remember that I intimated to you the probability of my being obliged to leave the Parish. The difficulties which I foresaw must inevitably occur in the way of a faithful and efficient discharge of my duty, have already been encountered, and experience of the past has convinced me, that at the great distance at which I am removed from the congregation and the house of worship, it will be utterly impossible for me to exercise the functions of my office

Rev. John Tilghman
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